

## MEXICO, MISSOURI

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# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

The young women of Mexico will organize a Y. W. C. U. soon.

Howard Coil of Laddonia spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Henry Koldenhoff has moved back to this county from Oklahoma.

Miss Ada Crum of this city is a student at the Chillicothe Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jesse of this city are spending the week with relatives at Laddonia.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell of this city has been conducting a protracted meeting at Pleasant Hill, Ill.

Mrs. W. A. Kinslow of Hedley, Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank McClure, near Benton City.

S. W. Sanford of Fort Collins, Colo., formerly a citizen of Mexico, lost his home by fire one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Bartley will move soon to Helena, Mont. Mr. Bartley has a position with the bank there.

H. A. Miller of Fremont, Mich., is visiting his uncle, E. C. S. Miller, here, and also his brother, W. H. Miller, at Bellflower.

Robert Walter, the Rush Hill meat market and restaurant man, was in Mexico the other day; he is doing a good business at the Hill.

Mrs. Nellie Burger of Clark, Mo., will be in Mexico soon and will deliver a temperance address. She is one of the ablest women speakers in America.

Mrs. J. M. Willis lectured at the Benton City Christian church last Sunday on temperance. We received the announcement too late for last week's paper.

E. H. Roberts hands us a copy of the Sunnyvale Standard, published at Sunnyvale, Calif., by his brother, W. K. Roberts, who formerly lived in Mexico locality. The Standard is a neat publication.

W. S. Biggs of near Farber made the MESSAGE a pleasant call Tuesday. He and his sister, Mrs. Hostetter of Farber, made a visit recently to a health resort in Indiana and are back home much pleased with the results of the visit. Mr. Biggs says the prohibition wave has struck Hooperdom also and the old State is going "dry."

### "JUST RAN AWAY."

To Avoid the Trouble and Excitement of a Formal Wedding.

The following appeared in the Kansas City Journal a few days ago:

The happy ending of a runaway match from Vandalia, Mo., took place yesterday at the First Christian church, when Rupert M. Simmons of St. Louis and Miss Byrd Branstetter of Vandalia were married by Rev. W. F. Richardson, pastor of the church.

"There was no objection to our marriage," said the bride. "We just ran away to avoid the trouble and excitement that always attend a formal wedding."

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will for several days be the guests of G. H. Gamm, assistant state factory inspector.

## DOWN IN TEXAS.

Judge Kendall Saw the Spot From Which Moses Looked Over Into the Promised Land.

Mexico, Mo., Nov. 25th 1907.

EDITOR MESSAGE: I write you in regard to what I saw on my recent trip to Texas. Found some poor country in the western part of Oklahoma and in the northern part of Texas. The best part of Texas I think is in Donley County. Clarendon is the county seat, on the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad, about midway between Amarillo and Quanah. Hedley is a very pretty little town with about fifty nice residences. Is about twelve miles east of Clarendon. Has several stores, two large lumber yards, one mill and cotton gin, one hotel, one bank, blacksmith and carriage shop, fine public well, one church and two school houses. All of this improvement has been within the last year. William Kinslow and Joe and Ran Kendall live here. The Rev. John Jesse lives at Quanah. Mrs. Carl Lockridge lives in Clarendon.

The country is all prairie and very productive. There is not a creek, nor branch, nor a ditch in it. The rainfall is taken up in the soil, which is from four to five feet deep. Under this is a stiff clay which holds the water and keeps the crops growing. The annual rainfall, I understand, is about 36 inches. This certainly is a favored spot, as they don't fear a drought. I with my wife and daughter-in-law were out looking at the country when we drove upon a high place where we could see over the country, and I was so impressed with the grandeur of the scene that I told them this must have been the place where Moses stood when he looked over on the Promised Land.

The land produces about an average of 40 bushels of corn per acre, selling now at 40 cts. per bu.; alfalfa, three cuttings this year, was worth \$54 per acre. They have a good market for all their feed stuff, it being shipped out to less favored places in Texas.

This valley has been overlooked by homeseekers as those who go over the Santa Fe R. R. are taken off at Amarillo, out north into the Canadian country and down into New Mexico, and those who go by the Frisco are landed at Quanah, and they are taken out into southern Texas, so the country along the Fort Worth and Denver is entirely overlooked, for all around farming the very best spot in the whole state. Land here is still low, considering the actual value of it. It still can be bought at from \$10 to \$40 per acre, according to location and improvements. Land that will produce what this land does with the certainty of a crop as it is there if it were located here, under the same conditions that exist there, that is, the nearness of market, could hardly be priced so high, but it would soon find a buyer. I asked Mr. Kinslow how he would trade 200 acres of his section for the 200 acre farm he sold in Audrain at \$45.00 per acre, and he laughed and said that he would not entertain such a proposition.

A sample of some of the products can be seen at the office of the MESSAGE.

S. E. KENDALL.

Thinks Well of Us.

These good words by the Vandalia Mail: The Mexico MESSAGE is a lusty eight-year-old, having entered its ninth successful year. John Beal is a man after our own heart.

## TWO BIG FIRES.

Thompson and Benton City Badly Scorched.

At about 4:30 last Thursday morning fire broke out in the store building at Thompson owned by the La Crosse Lumber Co. and the structure burned to the ground, which consisted of three buildings and a hall used by the M. W. A. and the M. M. L. lodges. Garand E. Sims occupied the store building with a stock of general merchandise. Mr. Sims' residence was one of the buildings destroyed. He saved but little from the store or from his dwelling. His loss was near \$6,000; insurance, \$3,300. It took hard fighting to save the Wabash depot, which stands near.

### FIRE AT BENTON CITY.

B. H. Icenogles brick store building at Benton City burned to the ground early last Friday morning. How the fire caught is not known.

Icenogles' loss is about \$5,000. He had \$4,300 insurance.

### Happy Married.

The marriage of Mr. Rufus Jackson and Miss Eighty-One Turley took place last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Turley. Rev. A. W. Kokenoff officiating. A quiet wedding, only immediate friends and relatives being present.

Our warmest congratulations extended the happy couple. May their joys never grow less.

### Finding Living Water.

The Perry Enterprise reports the following:

Since about Oct. 1st John W. Smith has drilled wells for the following parties: J. R. Anderson, near Worcester, a good flow of water at 167 feet; Mr. Lower, near Rush Hill, a strong flow of water at 46 feet; Sid Powell a good flow of water at 186 feet; and Field Alford a medium good flow of water at 132 feet.

### An Audrain Town.

The Pike Co. Post had this comment last week.

Martinsburg, a small town in Audrain county, on the Wabash railroad, has a picture frame factory that employs 14 hands and turns out 40,000 frames every year.

### Has Passed Hence.

Frank Elliott of this city, aged 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Elliott, died last Thursday morning after a long illness of lung trouble. Frank was an excellent young man. Besides his parents the following brothers and sisters mourn his death: Robert, Harry and George, of Minneapolis; Alfred of this city; Mrs. J. S. Styles, Mrs. L. B. Wells, Misses Violet and Hattie of Chicago, and Blanche of this city.

Rev. C. M. Aker preached the funeral address at the home Saturday morning. The following were the pall bearers: Horace McKean, Earl Branstetter, Fred Wymore, Thurman Stallings, Melville Paul and Irvin Franklin.

### Married Today.

Miss Christina Weinand of this city and Mr. Samuel Tillman of Glasgow, Mo., will be united in marriage today. Father J. J. Dillon officiating.

### Always in Good Humor.

The Paris Appeal prints this item:

Mrs. Martha Porter, mother of Dick Porter, returned to her home at Mexico, Tuesday. Though 80 years old, she is wonderfully preserved and is as sprightly as most women at 40. She does her own housekeeping and cooks for a good many visitors, and says she gets along as well as she ever did. The fact that she is always in a good humor may have something to do with her success in keeping house.



CATHOLIC CHURCH, MEXICO, MO.

Father J. J. Dillon is the pastor. He is called one of the most cordial and warm-hearted men in Mexico. It is a pleasure to meet him.

## FOR THE LICENSE VOTER

From a Bushel of Corn the Distiller Gets Four Gallons of Whiskey.

Which retails at.....\$16.80  
The farmer gets......45  
The U. S. government gets... 4.40  
The railroad company gets... .80  
The manufacturer gets..... 4.00  
The drayman gets......15  
The retailer gets...... 7.00  
The consumer gets.....Drunk  
The wife gets.....Hunger  
The children get.....Rags  
The politician gets.....Office  
The man who votes license gets.....What?

Woe unto the him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.—Hab. 2:15.

### JOHNSON NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mayor and Mayor-elect Tom. L. Johnson of Cleveland announced that "under no circumstances will he be a candidate for the presidency," and that Cleveland is the sphere of his duty at this time. He will consider nothing but the issue of 3-cent fares for that city. He has refused all invitations to speak at party gatherings or banquets.

### BOONE COUNTY WHISKEY

#### MAKES ANOTHER SAD HOME.

The Columbia (Mo.) Sentinel says: J. W. Edwards, a 17-year-old boy, connected with some of Boone's best families, was taken to the Fulton asylum Sunday, Nov. 10, violently crazy from acute alcoholism. About four weeks ago he was in Columbia and began drinking. He told that he bought 40 cents worth of whiskey in Columbia and drank it, and that on his way home he bought a gallon at Heibel's still. He drank some from the jug and secreted the jug near his home. His mother persuaded him to get the jug and break it, but he had gone too far. His mother and sister are nearly prostrated over the affair. Is not this sad case enough to arouse the manhood in every citizen of the county and make him resolve to help drive the demon of drink from the land? Talk of prohibition! Yes, we are for prohibition! Prohibit the selling of whiskey in Boone county by saloons, drug stores, stills and wholesale houses. Are you with us?

### THE RIGHT RING

Plain Words From Judge Port of Dexter, Mo.

"I am in favor of amending the Constitution so as to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in this state, because, in my opinion, the people would be better off without saloons than with them. As I see it, the saloon benefits no man except the keeper, and no business except the whiskey business. It feeds no man, clothes no man man and shelters no man except the saloon man. Not only this, but its aggressiveness in politics is a matter of interest to every man who holds, or seeks to hold, public office.

"So far as I am concerned, I am tired of supporting men for office who build saloons to manufacture

## WHY LICENSE SALOONS

The Authorities Encourage an Acknowledged Evil.

A license only serves to encourage a person to do, what, without the license he would not be permitted to perform.

The same principle holds in regard to the liquor traffic. No man has any inherent right to sell liquor. Were he to try it without a license, the government would get after him very quickly. He cannot do it lawfully or safely and very few dare undertake it till they have secured a license therefor. By taking out a government license at the cost of \$25.00, any person is given permission, so far as the general government is concerned to sell all the liquor he chooses.

Then if a state, a county and a city license is secured the same consent of these bodies is given. With a license in hand the saloon keeper has the official sanction of the governing authorities to push his pernicious traffic to the utmost of his ability. Hence intemperance has always flourished under the license system, whether the license was high or low, just as weeds will always grow where there is no effort to kill them. Their size may depend somewhat upon the conditions of soil, but consent to their growth never roots them out.

Then too, where a people once consent to license an evil they are in no frame of mind to control that evil. The very fact that they have said it can exist in their midst at all, renders them indifferent to many unlawful practices in which it may engage. Hence the legalized saloon is always an unlawful saloon.

The only way to control the weeds of a garden or field is to refuse them any right to be made and war upon them because of that refusal.

The only way to curtail the evil of the liquor traffic is to say that that nefarious line of action shall never have the official sanction of the people.—Mo. Issue.

### BRYAN LEADS ON REVISION.

As the guest and principal speaker at the banquet of the Jefferson Club of Milwaukee, Monday night, W. J. Bryan made a speech regarded by many as outlining the platform for the Democratic party on which he would be willing to run for president next year. He said he favored immediate revision of the tariff on all goods in competition with trust-made articles as a means of striking down monopoly. He opposed the national incorporation of railroads as advocated by President Roosevelt, saying that the railroads would be only too glad to get out of state jurisdiction. He would demand laws providing for the valuation of the railroads, to reduce rates and to prevent stock watering. His idea of a reasonable rate was such as would let companies keep their stock at par on honest capitalization. He would prevent corporate monopolies by applying the license system to concerns controlling more than 25 per cent of the output of a given industry. He thought the money stringency began with speculation at New York, but that the Western banks were sound.

College Mound, Macon county, Mo., is now the western headquarters of the Holiness people. The Church Herald, their leading paper, is printed there, and they maintain a flourishing school there also. A prominent member of that church writing from there recently says, among other things: "The Holiness people here always did have a tall-hold on the devil, but until this year it's been an up-hill pull; now they believe they've got him over the divide on a down hill grade and its the scrap pile for him unless their hold breaks."

### Rush Hill Meat Market.

Fresh meats, 6 and 7 cents for the quarter; small quantities 8¢ and 10¢. Hot lunch at any time day. Come and see me.

4w ROBERT WALTER.

## Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.  
Sam Locke, Cashier.